

YouGov Survey: Aliens and UFOs



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
 Conducted September 9 - 12, 2022
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

1. Do you believe that UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) are probably alien ships or alien life forms, or that they have some natural scientific explanation?

Aliens	34%
Natural scientific explanation	32%
Don't know	34%

2. How likely do you think it is that we will make contact with alien life within the next...?

	Will definitely happen	Will probably happen	Will probably not happen	Will definitely not happen	Don't know
10 years	7%	12%	27%	25%	29%
50 years	13%	19%	20%	19%	30%
100 years	21%	18%	14%	15%	32%
200 years	26%	16%	11%	13%	34%

3. If we encountered aliens, how likely do you think it is that they would...

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	Not sure
Look like aliens commonly depicted in science fiction (green with large heads and eyes)	4%	13%	22%	27%	33%
Be far more technologically advanced than humans	44%	22%	5%	4%	24%
Be far less technologically advanced than humans	7%	9%	17%	41%	26%
Be hostile to humans	9%	26%	18%	8%	39%
Come in peace	11%	30%	12%	8%	39%

4. Have you ever seen anything that you thought was a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object)?

Yes	24%
No	66%
Not sure	11%

5. Do you believe what you saw was more likely...

Asked of People Who Say They've Seen a UFO

Aliens	34%
A natural phenomenon that you could not identify	43%
Not sure	23%

6. How likely do you think it is that each of the following beings exist?

	Definitely exists	Probably exists	Probably does not exist	Definitely does not exist	Not sure
Aliens	24%	33%	13%	12%	19%
Loch Ness monster	5%	21%	28%	28%	18%
Bigfoot	8%	23%	25%	27%	16%
The Yeti	6%	19%	25%	27%	23%
Chupacabra	4%	14%	23%	28%	30%

Interviewing Dates	September 9 - 12, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.318 to 3.412, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.342.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	62 questions not reported.